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INTRODUCTION

This document provides summaries and current statuses of the bills introduced in the 117th Congress that address regulatory reform (i.e., bills that affect agency rulemaking and adjudication processes).

Entries are in reverse chronological order based on the date the bill was introduced into Congress, although House and Senate versions of the same bill are listed together based on the most recent introduction date. Links to relevant committee reports are also provided where available, and summaries frequently draw from the bill summaries provided by the Congressional Research Service, available on Congress.gov.

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H.R.969 - To require that independent agencies comply with all requirements of rulemaking, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	Pate Introduced February 11, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	
H.R.968 - To provide for a method by which the economic costs of significant regulatory actions may be offset by the repeal of other regulatory actions, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	Pate Introduced February 11, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	
H.R.964 - To amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any notice	Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX- 19]	Date Introduced February 11, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	

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H.R.893 - To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide that an appeal of an order granting a nationwide injunction issued by a district court of the United States shall lie to the Supreme Court. Link	Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	Date Introduced February 5, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	
H.R.849 - To amend the America COMPETES Act to establish certain scientific integrity policies for Federal agencies that fund, conduct, or oversee scientific research, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	Date Introduced February 4, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	

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H.R.814 - To nullify the effect of Executive Order 14003 relating to the Federal workforce, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	Date Introduced February 4, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.
H.R.766 - To require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	Date Introduced February 3, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.
S.170 - A bill to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	Date Introduced February 2, 2021 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.

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H.R.701 - To amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules, and for other purposes. Link	Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC- 5]	Pate Introduced February 2, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, the Budget, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	
H.R.644 - To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to authorize assignment to States of Federal agency environmental review responsibilities, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	Pate Introduced February 1, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	

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H.R.662 - To require that in a notice of proposed rule making for a new rule, the notice shall identify three rules which the agency intends to repeal. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	Pate Introduced February 1, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	
S.84 - A bill to end the unconstitutional delegation of legislative power which was exclusively vested in the Senate and House of Representatives by article I, section 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to issue a report to Congress detailing the extent of the problem of unconstitutional delegation to the end that such delegations can be phased out, thereby restoring the constitutional principle of separation of powers set forth in the first sections of the	Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	Date Introduced January 28, 2021 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	

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S.68 - Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	Date Introduced January 27, 2021 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.
H.R.415 - To amend chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that in the case of an agency that appeals the ruling of a court under that chapter, and does not prevail on appeal, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and for other purposes. Link	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	Date Introduced January 21, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.

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H.R.418 - To sunset new Federal regulatory rules after 3 years, and for other purposes. <u>Link</u>	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	Date Introduced January 21, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	Summary not yet posted; text unavailable.	
H.R. 302 - PPSA Act Link	Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D- VA-11]	Date Introduced January 13, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.	This bill prohibits executive agency positions in the competitive service from being placed in the excepted service, unless such positions are placed in Schedules A through E as in effect on September 30, 2020. The bill also prohibits positions in the excepted service from being placed in any schedule other than the aforementioned schedules.	
H.R.111 - Federal Sunset Act of 2021 <u>Link</u>	Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC- 8]	Date Introduced January 4, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.	This bill abolishes a federal agency one year after it is reviewed by the Federal Agency Sunset Commission, established by the bill, unless the agency is reauthorized by Congress. Each agency, including each advisory committee, must be reviewed by the commission at least once every 12 years	

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H.R.61 - Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2021 <u>Link</u>	Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	Date Introduced January 4, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	This bill allows Congress to disapprove multiple regulations under one joint resolution of disapproval if the regulations were submitted for review during the last 60 legislative days of the final year of a President's term. Currently, each joint resolution may disapprove of only one regulation.		
H.R.43 - Injunctive Authority Clarification Act of 2021 <u>Link</u>	Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	Date Introduced January 4, 2021 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	This bill prohibits federal courts from issuing injunctive orders that bar enforcement of a federal law or policy against a nonparty, unless the nonparty is represented by a party in a class action lawsuit.		
H.R.27 - Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2021 <u>Link</u>	Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	Date Introduced January 4, 2021 Most Recent Action Passed House 1/5/21; Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill requires executive agencies to submit information regarding settlement agreements to a public database. Specifically, an agency must submit information regarding any settlement agreement (including a consent decree) entered into by the agency related to an alleged violation of federal law. If an agency determines that information regarding an agreement must remain confidential to protect the public interest, the agency must publish an		

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